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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - SEPTEMBER 6

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR SEPTEMBER 6.
FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS IN CAIRO?

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A. NO, WE HAVE READ THE PRESS REPORTS BUT I DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING FOR YOU ON IT.

Q. DID YOU WRITE, OR SEND A LETTER ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S
POSITION ON THE PLO RECENTLY, TO CONCERNED CITIZENS?

A. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE LETTERS ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S
POSITION ON THE PLO WHICH GO OUT RATHER ROUTINELY. I
DON'T KNOW WHICH SPECIFIC ONE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THOUGH.

Q. THE ONES YOU HAVE SIGNED AND SENT AROUND THE COUNTRY
TO PEOPLE.

A. THAT'S WHAT I AM SAYING. THERE IS A STANDARD

PHRASEOLOGY.

Q. CAN I HAVE A COPY OF IT?

A. YES.

Q. HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTED THROUGH ONE OF

ITS EMBASSIES TO THE PLO AN ISRAELI WARNING CALLING FOR
THE PLO -- IF PLO WILL CONSULT WITH LEBANON?

A. NO.

Q. DO YOU HAVE THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR THE UN YET?

A. NO; I DON'T HAVE IT ALL TIED DOWN, AND I DON'T
THINK I'LL HAVE IT PROBABLY UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK--
JUST LOOKING AT HIS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK.

Q. WELL, DO YOU HAVE ANY NOTION HOW THE SCHEDULE IS
GOING TO RUN FRIDAY AT THE UN SESSION? IN OTHER WORDS,
WHEN THE MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL START
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COMING IN -- THAT KIND OF THING?

A. YES. WE'RE BEGINNING TO GET SOME NOTICE ON THAT, AND
WHAT I'M GOING TO TRY TO DO IS TO GIVE YOU SORT OF AN
ENTIRE BRIEFING ON THAT. THEY ARE ALSO, MANY OF THEM, AS
YOU KNOW, GOING TO BE SEEING THE PRESIDENT; AND I'M
SURE HE'S GOING TO BE RELEASING A SCHEDULE OVER THERE AS
WELL.

Q. WHEN DOES THAT START?

A. WELL, A LITTLE BIT PAST THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH; BUT
THE ACTUAL FIRST DATE I DON'T HAVE. IT'S SOMETIME AFTER
THE 15TH, BUT I CAN'T RECALL THE EXACT DATE.

Q. FOR PURPOSES OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS, DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA OF WHEN THE SECRETARY IS GOING TO NEW YORK?

A. BASICALLY I'M STILL STANDING WITH, AS FAR AS SORT OF A
PERMANENT PRESENCE UP THERE, FROM THE 26TH THROUGH THE
FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER -- THAT IS TO SAY, THOSE TWO WEEKS.

Q. DOES THIS MEAN THEN THAT THE SECRETARY AND THE
PRESIDENT WILL BE DEALING WITH MIDDLE EASTERN LEADERS
HERE BEFORE THERE ARE ANY MIDDLE EASTERN TALKS AT THE UN
IN NEW YORK?

A. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES. VANCE

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